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1. SINCE COMPLETION UNGA CYPRUS DEBATE, TURKS HAVE ACCELERATED
EFFORTS CONSOLIDATE THEIR POSITION ON ISLAND. MOST IMPORTANT
RECENT STEP IS NOV 6 PROHIBITION OF ENTRY INTO TURKISH-CONTROLLED
AREA OF INDIVIDUALS ARRIVING IN CYPRUS VIA GREEK CYPRIOT PORTS.

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MEASURE IDENTICAL TO BAN EARLIER IMPOSED BY GOC COUNCIL OF

MINISTERS ON ENTRY VIA FAMAGUSTA, KYRENIA AND XEROS. EFFECT WILL BE FURTHER PARTITIONING OF ISLAND. ADDITIONALLY, TURKISH MILITARY CURRENTLY REFUSING ALLOW FOREIGNERS RESIDENT IN THEIR ZONE VISIT GREEK SIDE FOR ANY PURPOSE. ALTHOUGH WE THINK THAT TURKISH MILITARY TURNING SCREWS ON BRITISH RESIDENTS IN RETALIATION FOR SBA IMPASSE, UK HIGH COMMISSION DOES NOT NECESSARILY DRAW THIS CONCLUSION.

2. TURKS HAVE ALSO ANNOUNCED REOPENING SEVEN GREEK-OWNED HOTELS, FIVE IN KYRENIA AND TWO IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF FAMAGUSTA. NO OVERT EFFORT THUS FAR TO EXPLOIT LARGE NUMBER HOTELS IN FAMAGUSTA NEW CITY. IN ADDITION, TURKS HAVE STATED INTENTION ESTABLISH STATE FARMS IN MORPHOU AND SOUTHERN PART FAMAGUSTA DISTRICT.

3. ABOVE MEASURES FOLLOW DENKTASH'S NOV 30 ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORMATION CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR TURKISH WING OF FEDERATED CYPRUS STATE (NICOSIA 3872). GOG ENUMERATION OTHER TURKISH INITIATIVES OUTLINED ATHENS 7940 GENERALLY ACCURATE, WITH EXCEPTION THERE NO PUBLIC PLAN MOVE TURK CYPRIOT CAPITAL TO KYRENIA. (TRANSFER WOULD NOT SURPRISE US: MILITARY HEADQUARTERS ALREADY LOCATED IN KYRENIA WHICH HAS THUS BECOME POWER CENTER FOR NORTHERN CYPRUS.)

4. THESE LATEST IN LONG SERIES OF "FAITS ACCOMPLIS" STAKE OUT TOUGH TURKISH POSITIONS FROM WHICH IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO GET ANKARA TO BUDGE. PATTERN WHICH WE SEE EMERGING BASED ON RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE GOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT OFFICIALS SUGGESTS GOT WILL INSIST THAT :

(A) (AS USG HAS LONG UNDERSTOOD TO BE THE GOT POSITION)
FUTURE CYPRUS STATE BE BI-REGIONAL FEDERATION.

(B) GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY RUN FROM LEFKA, SOUTH OF MORPHOU, THROUGH NICOSIA AND ON TO FAMAGUSTA. LINE CURRENTLY DEFINED BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, TURKISH RESETTLEMENT AND FORTIFICATIONS. ONLY AREA IN WHICH THERE APPEARS TO BE MUCH GIVE IS IN SOUTHEASTERN SECTOR, INCLUDING FAMAGUSTA NEW CITY. AMOUNT OF TERRITORY WHICH MAY BE GIVEN BACK WILL BE SMALL.

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(C) CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BE EXCEEDINGLY WEAK; MOST POWER WILL BE VESTED IN "FEDERATED WINGS". ESTABLISHMENT OF "MINISTRIES" ONE INDICATION OF TURKISH RESOLVE ON THIS ISSUE.

(D) REFUGEE RETURN TO TURKISH AREA BE EXTREMELY LIMITED. MANY GREEK HOMES AND BUSINESSES ALREADY OCCUPIED BY TURK CYPRIOTS; THOSE REMAINING REPORTEDLY RESERVED FOR TURKS IN SOUTH OR OFF ISLAND.

(E) TURKISH "WING" REMAIN SUBSERVIENT TO ANKARA FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD.

5. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHETHER ABOVE ACTIVITY KEYED TO SECRETARY'S ANKARA VISIT OR SIMPLY RESULT RELATIVE LACK OF ACTION DURING UNGA. IN ANY CASE, IT WILL MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR SECRETARY TO OBTAIN CONCESSIONS IN ANKARA WHICH WILL BE VIEWED BY GREEK CYPRIOTS AS SIGNIFICANT. UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS OF LATTER COULD CAUSE US TROUBLE LOCALLY AFTER VISIT. CRAWFORD UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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